

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-157 (Previously Canceled)

Claims 158-177, 180, and 181 (Previously Added)

Claims 178 and 179 (Canceled)

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 178 and 179 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant has canceled claims 178 and 179.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 158-177 and 180-181 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Owens (U.S. Pat. 6,633,630). Although the face of the Owens patent lists the inventors as Stephen J. H. Owens, James Arthur Kitchen, David Gregory Smith, Leonard A. DeNittis, Kyle S. Brown, Michael S. Finney, Thomas Francis Johnson, III, and Steve Feinstein, inventorship in the Owens patent was corrected during prosecution of the application (U.S. Pat. App. 09/157,818). A certificate of correction for the Owens patent now lists the inventors as Stephen J. H. Owens, James Arthur Kitchen, David Gregory Smith, Leonard A. DeNittis, Kyle S. Brown, Michael S. Finney, Thomas Francis Johnson, III, Steve Feinstein, Michael L. Snider, Randall S. Wright, James W. Paynter, and Robin R. Bard. The present application identifies the inventors as Stephen J.H. Owens, Michael S. Finney, Michael L. Snider, Randall S. Wright, James W. Paynter, and Robin R. Bard. Each of these inventors is listed on the

Owens patent and therefore, the Owens patent is not § 102(e) prior art with respect to the present application.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 and M.P.E.P. § 201.11, Applicant has further amended the specification of the present application to claim priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/430,584 filed May 6, 2003 entitled System for Integrated Electronic Communications, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/158,818 filed September 12, 1998 (now U.S. Patent 6,633,630).

In view of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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